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April 11, 2006

The Honorable Jim Weiers
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2254: abortion; fetal pain

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2254 related to abortions and fetal pain.

This bill represents an unwarranted intrusion by politicians into the doctor-patient relationship. The legislature should not attempt to substitute its judgment for that of trained physicians with respect to professional advice given to patients.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TN/jm

cc: The Honorable Ken Bennett
The Honorable Pamela Gorman

Passed the House February 13, 20 06

by the following vote: 36 Ayes

21 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Asst. Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate April 4, 20 06

by the following vote: 17 ayes

13 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Charmian Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

5th day of April, 20 06

at 11:44 o'clock a. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of _____

at VERO o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 11 day of April, 20 06

at 4:10 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

H.B. 2254